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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pechanga Band of
5 Luiseno Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF LAND IN TRUST FOR PECHANGA**
2 **BAND OF LUISENO MISSION INDIANS.**

3 (a) TRANSFER AND ADMINISTRATION.—Effective on
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, all right, title, and
5 interest of the United States in and to the Federal lands
6 described in subsection (b), including all improvements
7 thereon, appurtenances thereto, and rights to all minerals
8 thereon or therein, including oil and gas, water, and re-
9 lated resources, shall be held by the United States in trust
10 for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, a fed-
11 erally recognized Indian tribe. The transferred land shall
12 be declared part of the Pechanga Indian Reservation and
13 administered in accordance with the laws and regulations
14 generally applicable to property held in trust by the United
15 States for an Indian tribe.

16 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The lands referred to
17 in subsection (a) consist of approximately 990.74 acres in
18 Riverside County, California, which, before the transfer
19 under such section, were administered by the Bureau of
20 Land Management and are more particularly described as
21 follows:

22 (1) Sections 29, 30, and 32 of township 8
23 south, range 2 west, San Bernardino base and me-
24 ridian.

25 (2) Section 6 of township 9 south, range 2
26 west, San Bernardino base and meridian.

1 (3) Mineral Survey 3540, section 22 of town-
2 ship 5 south, range 4 west, San Bernardino base
3 and meridian.

4 (c) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Office of Cadastral Sur-
6 vey of the Bureau of Land Management shall complete
7 a survey of the lands transferred under subsection (a) for
8 the purpose of establishing the boundaries of the lands.

9 (d) LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

10 (1) PUBLICATION.—On approval of the survey
11 completed under subsection (c) by the duly elected
12 tribal council of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mis-
13 sion Indians, the Secretary of the Interior shall pub-
14 lish in the Federal Register—

15 (A) a legal description of the boundary
16 lines; and

17 (B) legal description of the lands trans-
18 ferred under subsection (a).

19 (2) EFFECT.—Beginning on the date on which
20 the legal descriptions are published under paragraph
21 (1), such legal descriptions shall be the official legal
22 descriptions of the boundary lines and the lands
23 transferred under subsection (a).

24 (e) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— Nothing in this Act
25 shall—

1 (1) enlarge, impair, or otherwise affect any
2 right or claim of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno
3 Mission Indians to any land or interest in land that
4 is in existence before the date of the enactment of
5 this Act; or

6 (2) affect any water right of the Pechanga
7 Band of Luiseno Mission Indians in existence before
8 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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